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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PEANUT PURCHASE - ROUND II

REF: DAKAR 2192

1. ECONOFF MET WITH DJIBRIL SENE, GOS MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT MARCH 30 AND RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THAT SONACOS IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING PEANUT PURCHASE FROM US FOR REFINING IN SENEGAL (REFTEL). MINISTER ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT OIL CONTENT OF US PEANUTS MAY BE INSUFFICIENT AND MAY MAKE DEAL UNECONOMIC. SENE SAID THAT PURCHASE OF EDIBLE PEANUTS FROM US FOR USE AS SEEDS IS ALSO POSSIBLE.

2. ON LATTER TOPIC ECONOFF WAS VISITED MARCH 29 BY FRENCH EXPERT WHO ADVISES MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT ON EDIBLE PEANUT PRODUCTION. (SENEGAL'S EDIBLE PEANUT PRODUCTION IS ABOUT 25,000 TONS, ONLY SMALL FRACTION OF TOTAL PRODUCTION, MOST OF WHICH IS CRUSHED OR USED AS ANIMAL FEED.) HE CONFIRMED THAT THIS IS WORST YEAR FOR SENEGAL'S PEANUT CROP SINCE INDEPENDENCE AND SAID THAT EDIBLE PEANUT PRODUCTION IS OFF BY WELL OVER 60 PERCENT. APPROXIMATELY 35 PERCENT OF APPARENTLY MATURE SHELLS ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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EMPTY (COMPARED TO PAST AVERAGE OF SIX PERCENT) AND THERE IS SEVERE SHORTAGE OF PEANUTS SUITABLE FOR USE AS SEEDS FOR NEXT YEAR'S CROP. HE ASKED EMBASSY'S HELP IN OBTAINING OFFERS FROM US FIRMS FOR 400-600 TONS SEED, BAGGED OR IN CONTAINERS, SHELLLED OR UNSHELLED, FOR DELIVERY DAKAR BY JUNE 15. PREFERRED TYPES IN ORDER OF PRIORITY ARE:

- A. GH 119-20
- B. NC 17
- C. NC-FLA 14
- D. TIFTON 8
- E. ALTIKA

MOST OF THESE VARIETIES GROW IN THE CAROLINAS.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS USDOC ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING SUPPLIER.
FIRMS SHOULD CONTACT ROBERT SCHILLING, GOS MINISTRY OF
RURAL DEVELOPMENT, TELEX 3151 COORCILS SG WITH OFFER.
TELEX COPIES TO EMBASSY (517 SG) ADVISABLE.
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